



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 319**

February Session, 2004

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**AN ACT REQUIRING A PAIN MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL IN NURSING HOMES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) Each nursing home, as  
2 defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, as amended, shall  
3 establish and implement a pain management protocol for the benefit of  
4 residents. The protocol shall be consistent with regulations adopted  
5 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

6 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in  
7 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish a pain  
8 management protocol for use in nursing homes. In adopting such  
9 regulations, the commissioner shall consider the (1) standards for the  
10 assessment and management of pain adopted by the Joint Commission  
11 on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, and (2) pain  
12 management directive adopted by the Veterans Health Administration  
13 within the federal Department of Veterans Affairs.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2004

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